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The Minister of the Interior, on the basis of Article 14 of Law No. 371 of 9 December 1946 "Concerning the People's Police", issues the present

Order

Article 1

With the Regional People's Committees is established the People's Auxiliary Regional Police (Article 4 of the Law "Concerning People's Police").

Article 2

The Auxiliary People's Regional Police is an executive arm of the People's Committee, and is charged with the maintenance of order within the Region and with assuring the execution of orders issued by agents of the Regime in the region.

Article 3

The Auxiliary People's Regional Police is under the command of the President and the Secretary of the People's Committee of the Executive Committee of that Committee, to which the police is responsible for the execution of their orders in accordance with the existing laws.

Article 4

The Auxiliary People's Regional Police in the execution of its duties, as an auxiliary agency of the People's police, is subject to the supervision of the nearest police station.

Article 5

The Auxiliary People's Regional Police is to cooperate closely with the nearest police station and is to give it information regarding the order and peace of the people. In case of necessity, for the restoration of order

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which has been disturbed, or for the pursuit of criminals within or without the regional zone, the Auxiliary People's Regional Police is placed under the orders of the agents of the General People's Police and will act within the latter's formations. The determination of the strength of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police, on the basis of geographical position, the needs and the number of the inhabitants, will be made by decision of the People's Committees in consultation with the nearest station of the People's Police in that region. The following criteria will be maintained so far as possible:

- a. For 500 inhabitants: 2 policemen
- b. For 500-1,500 inhabitants: 3 - 5 policemen
- c. For 1,500-3,000 inhabitants: 5 - 7 policemen
- d. For more than 3,000 inhabitants: 7 - 9 policemen

Article 6

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Article 7

The Auxiliary People's Regional Police has responsibilities to be determined by the People's Committee which, in addition to the usual duties, is to supervise the policemen and to cooperate with the leaders of the Committee or the Executive Committee of the Region.

Article 8

The participation of citizens in the Auxiliary People's Regional Police is obligatory according to a decision of the People's Committee of the Region. The duration of this service is established at two months, and men will undertake it in turn. The registry of service in the Auxiliary People's Regional Police will be prepared for six months and will be announced on 1 April and on 1 October of each year.

Article 9

The obligation to serve in the Auxiliary People's Regional Police includes all male residents fit for military service who are permanent residents of the region. Exceptions are made for persons for whom provision is made in Article 43 of the Law concerning the Police

Article 10

The Auxiliary People's Regional Police has the following duties:

- a. The maintenance of order in the region and the protection of the rights and liberties of the citizens.
- b. The prosecution and detection of illicit trade, of exploitation, and of sabotage of the economy.
- c. The protection of the State's agricultural property and that of cooperatives and private individuals, and the protection of the forests from destruction.
- d. The enforcement of public health and veterinary measures in the villages.
- e. The overseeing of the execution of orders regarding fires and participation in firefighting.
- f. Assisting in the execution of State and Regional assessments.

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- g. Overseeing compliance with the laws concerning education and military service.
- h. Delivery of judicial summons, both criminal and civil.
- i. Accompanying criminals to the nearest (police) station and delivering them to the People's Police.
- j. The execution of whatever assignments are given by the People's Committee of the Region and by other State agencies.

Article 11

For the more perfect execution of its duties the Auxiliary People's Regional Police is to cooperate closely and to maintain constant touch with the agencies of the Auxiliary People's Police of the neighboring regions. In case of necessity, and particularly in case of the pursuit of fugitive criminals, the police of one region can enter the zone of another region.

Article 12

The members of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police, when in service, wear on the left arm a red armband 6 cm. wide and bearing the letters "P.I." (sic), which shall be 4 cm. high. They shall also wear a cap similar to that of the General People's Police, and these shall be furnished by the Ministry of the Interior.

Article 13

The members of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police shall bear arms and military equipment which will be provided by the Ministry of the Interior (Regional or City Section). The members of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police shall be individually responsible to the Commandant of the Station of the General People's Police for the proper maintenance of these weapons and other military equipment.

Article 14

The roster of the strength of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police, as well as the list of weapons and military equipment, shall be maintained by the Sub-Command of the Police of the District or of the City under its jurisdiction.

Article 15

The People's Committee of the Region will interest itself in the political guidance of officers of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police. The professional instruction of members of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police will be undertaken by the Command of the Police Station.

Article 16

The provisions of Article 25 of the Law "concerning the People's Police", on the basis of which the officers of the General People's Police are authorized to make use of weapons in certain cases, will be applicable also to the members of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police.

Article 17

The members of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police, in case of necessity of pursuit or for reasons of medical attention to individuals wounded as a result of a criminal attack or accidents, have the right (on the basis of

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Article 23 of the Law #concerning the People's Police) to requisition any means of communication and of the telephone lines regardless of whether they belong to the State, to organizations, or to private individuals.

Article 18

For an act of self-sacrifice or heroism in service the members of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police can receive their discharge, or receive monetary rewards, or receive benefits on the basis of existing law.

Article 19

The members of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police are liable to the regulations concerning disciplinary penalties provided for the regulation of the Police.

Article 20

The disciplinary penalties, to which the preceding article refers, shall be imposed by the President or the Secretary of the People's Committee of the Region only when the members of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police are acting under the command of an agent of the People's Police on the basis of Article 5 of the present Order. They shall be punished according to the disciplinary responsibilities to which all police officers of the General People's Police are subject.

Article 21

The members of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police will be tried before regular courts for crimes or misdemeanors committed during their period of service. For crimes or misdemeanors committed while they are in service under the command of the (General) People's Police, however, they shall be tried by Court Martial. (Article 88 of the Law "concerning the Police").

Article 22

The members of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police who withdraw from service before they have completed their term of service will be regarded as deserters, and as such will be tried on the basis of the Martial Laws in force.

Article 23

The members of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police, in case of illness while in service, will enjoy free hospital treatment in the State hospitals. If they are treated at home they will be relieved of the payment of physicians and drugs.

Article 24

In case of death of members of the Auxiliary/People's Regional Police in the execution of duty, the funeral will be held at State expense.

Article 25

The members of the Auxiliary People's Regional Police, on the basis of Article 85 of the Law "concerning the Police", enjoy the right of compensation as cripples in case they lose their ability to work as the result of wounds received in service. The family of a man belonging to the Auxiliary People's Regional Police, who is killed in the performance of duty, or is wounded and afterward dies as the result of his wounds, also have rights.

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Article 26

The expenditures made on the basis of Articles 18, 23, 24 and 25 of the present Order are a charge upon the budget of the Ministry of the Interior.

Article 27

The present is effective on the date of its publication.

MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

(Signed) Koci Xoxe